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The MAD DOG OF POTSDAM

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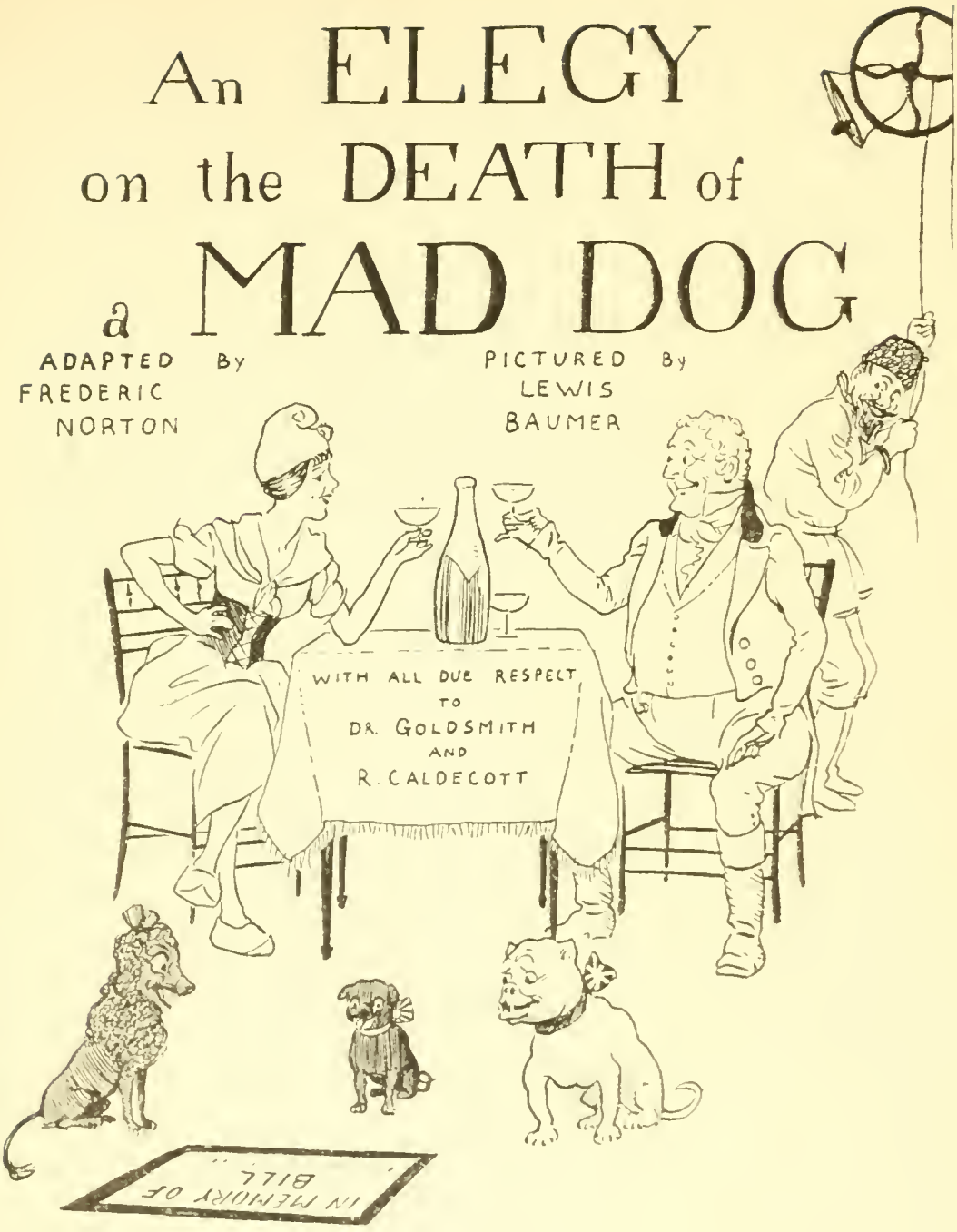


Good people all, of every sort,
Give ear unto my song;
And if you find it wondrous short,

It cannot hold you long.

BELGIUM

In Europe once there lived a man,
And all the world might see,
That in the human race there ran

No better man

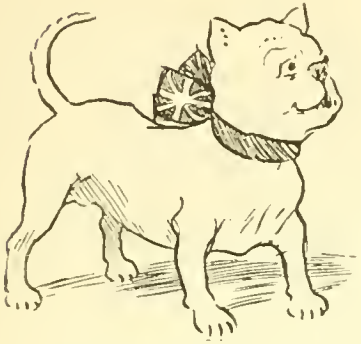
than he.

TREATY
NEUTRALITY

Of all the treasures he possessed,—
A goodly lot withal,—
He valued more than all the rest,
A picture on the wall.

TREAT

Near this good man a dog was found:
As many dogs there be—



Both bulldog,

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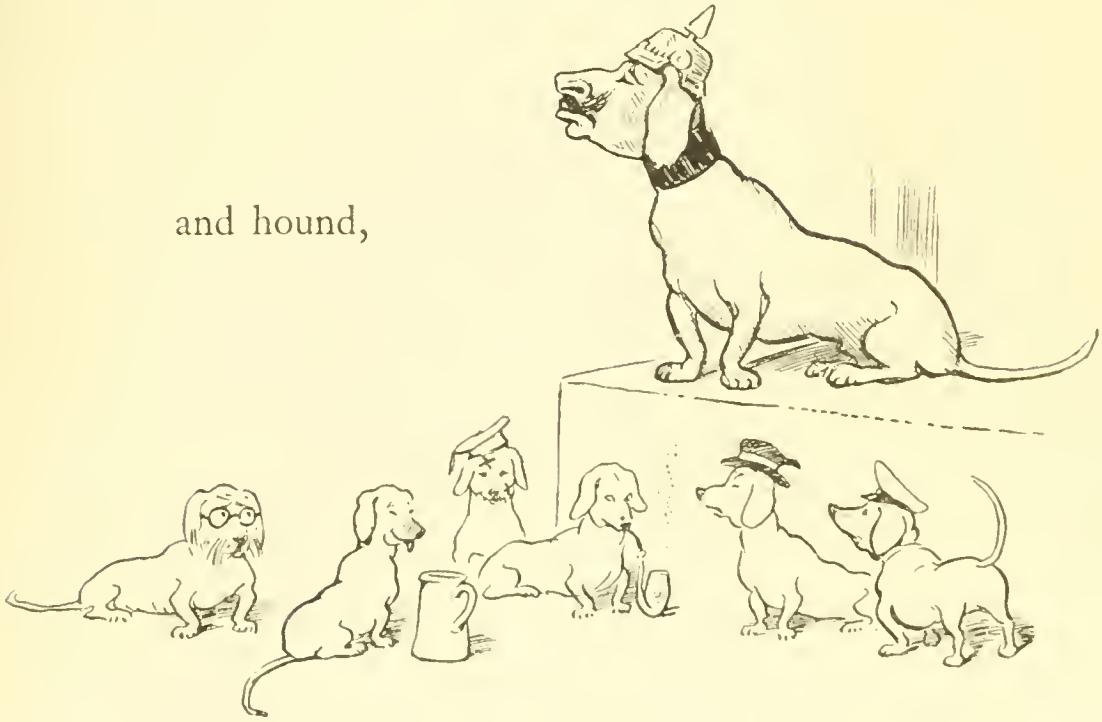
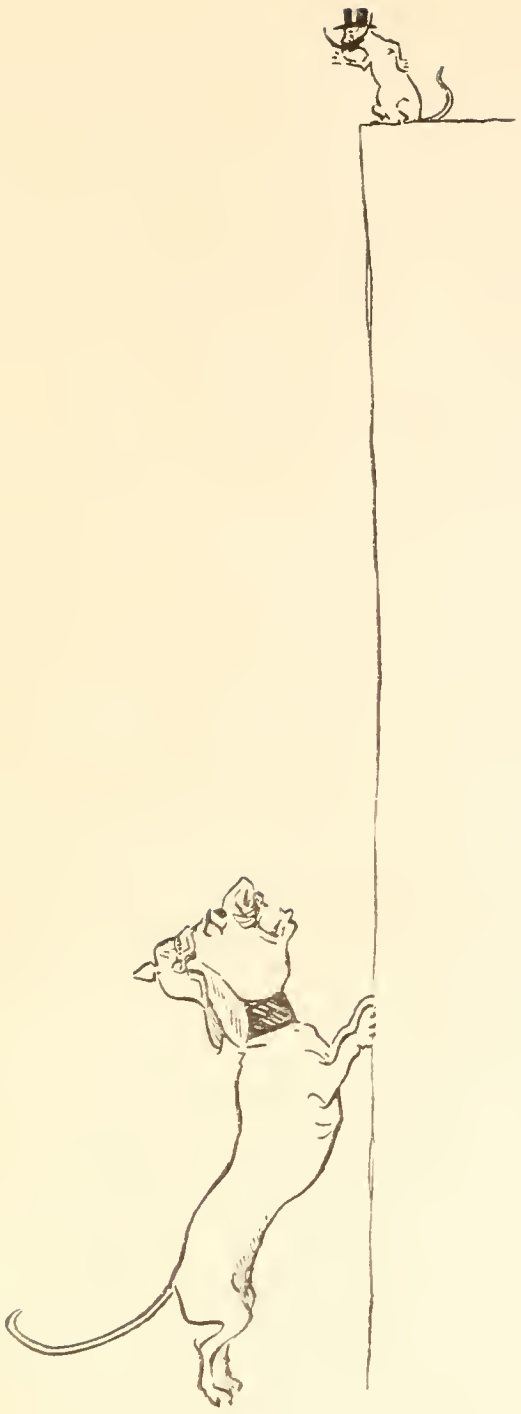
and hound,



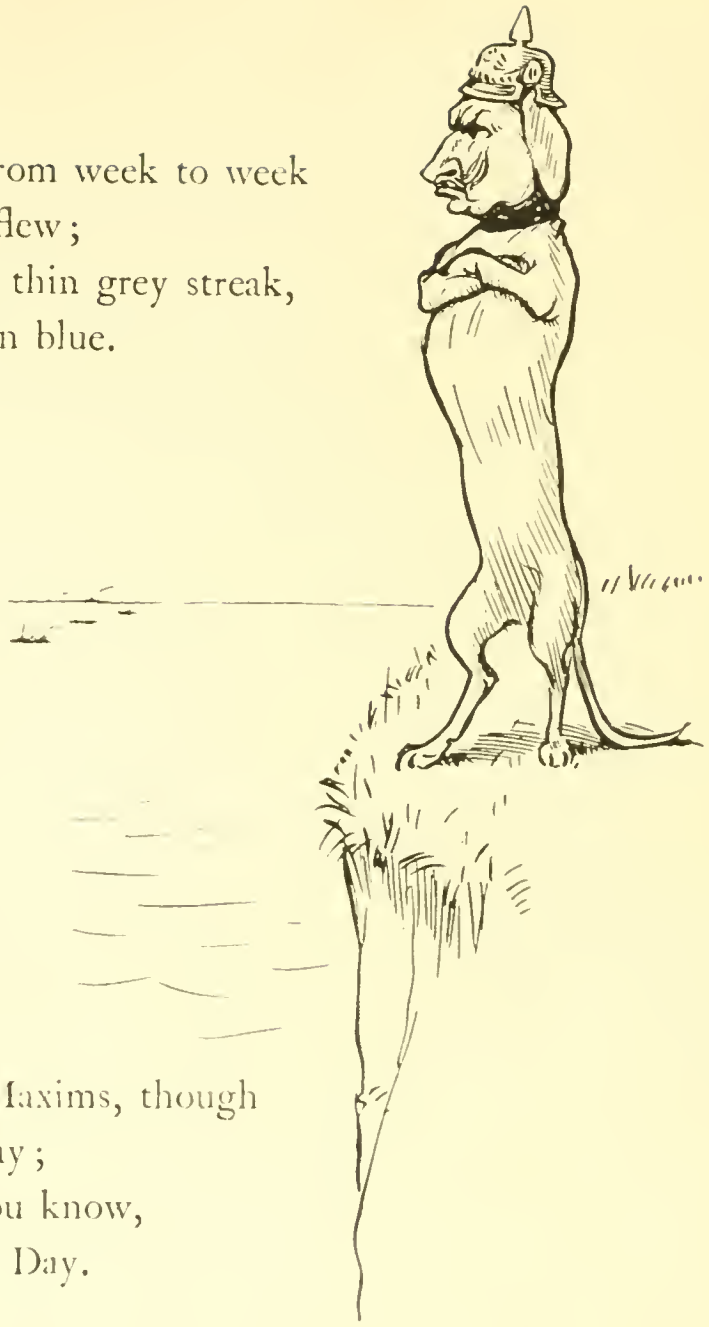
And curs of low degree.



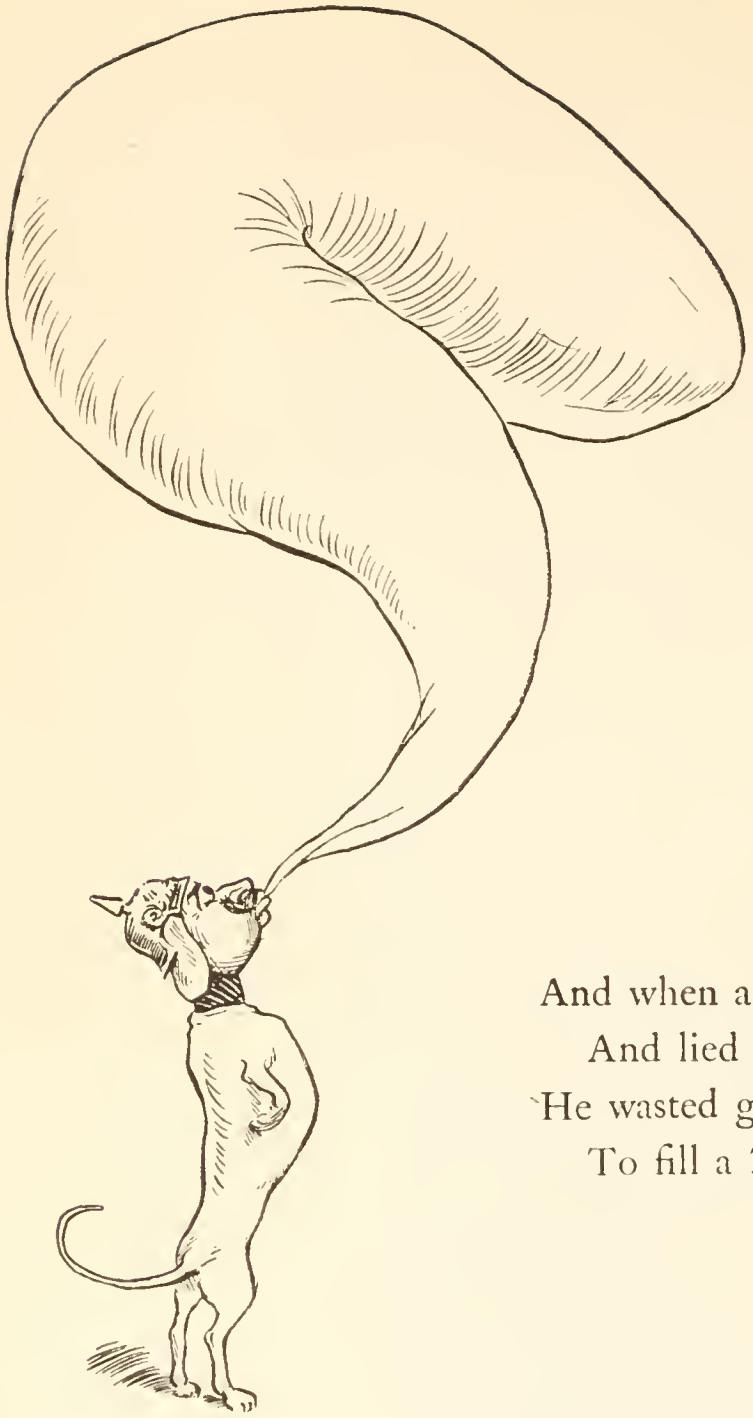
This dog liked "places in the sun,"
Where garden produce grew:
For haughty culture was the one
And only thing he knew.

His proper pride received a blow
Which put him in a wax:
And what d'you think disturbed him so?
A whisper—"Who said Max?"

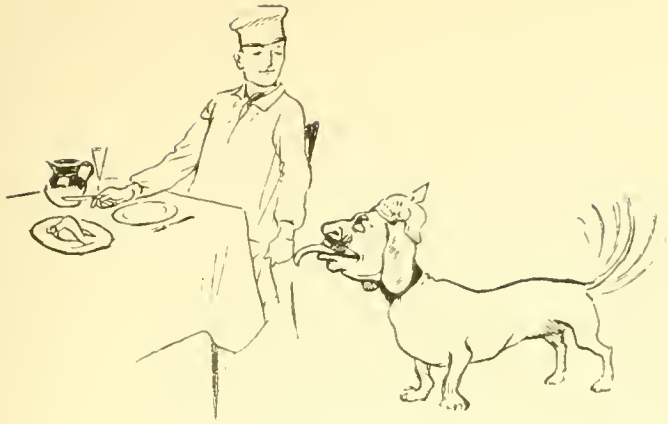
His envious thoughts from week to week
In but one channel flew;
He longed to dam that thin grey streak,
And make it Prussian blue.



His actions reeked of Maxims, though
The moral went astray;
To glorify the weak, you know,
A dog must have his Day.



And when at times he lost his head,
And lied to save his skin;
He wasted gas enough, they said,
To fill a Zeppelin.



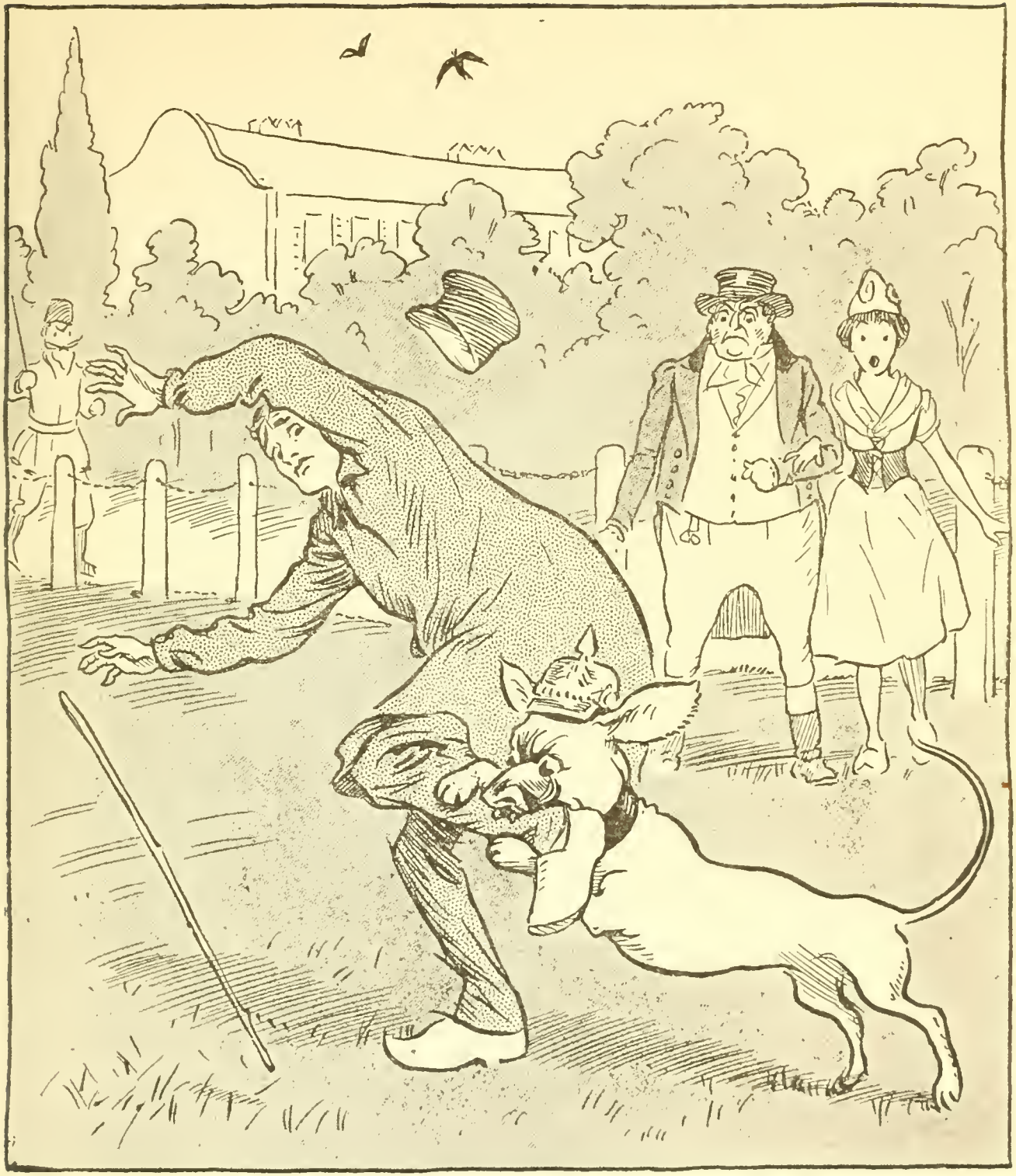
This dog and man

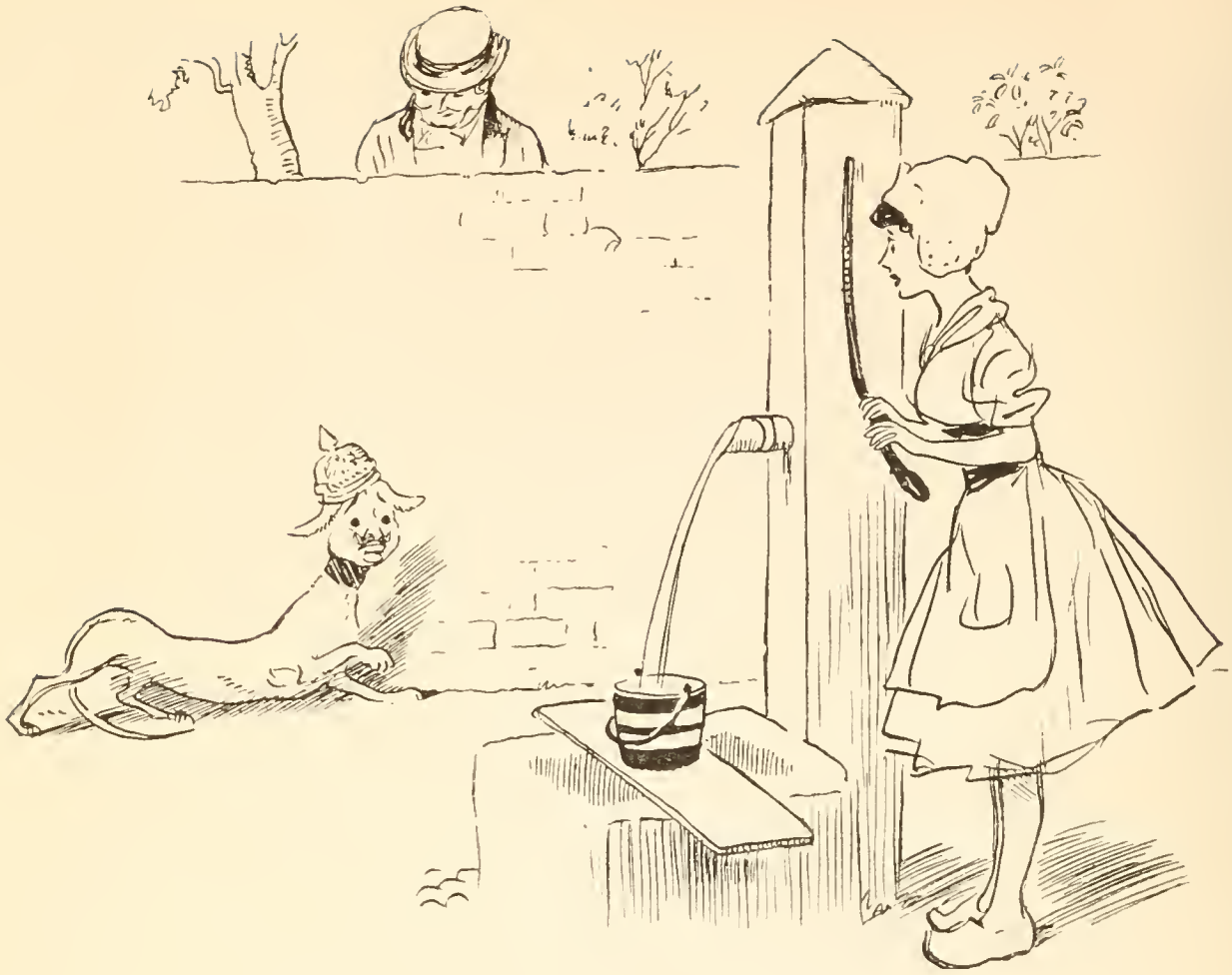
at first were friends;

But when a pique began,

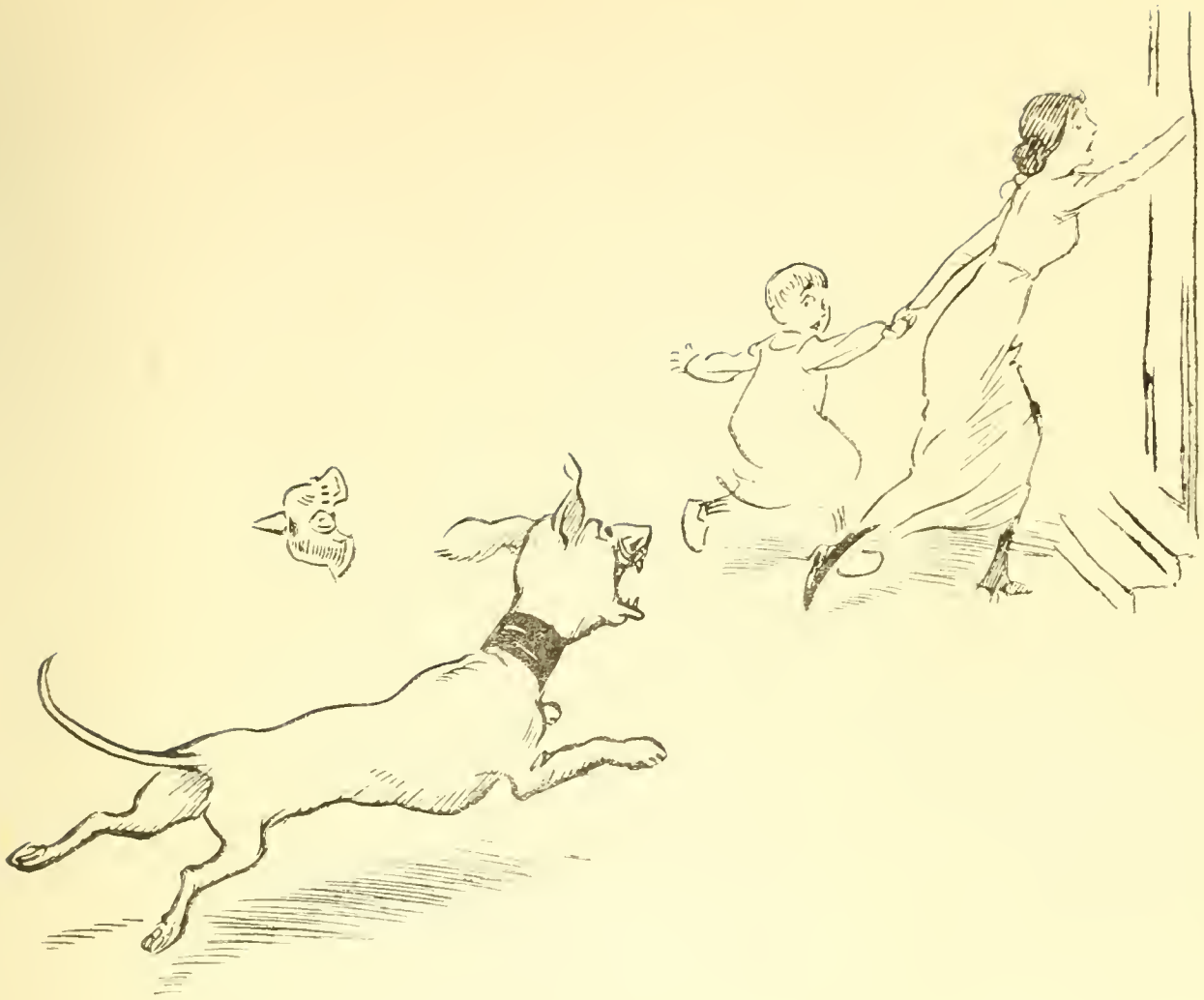
The dog, to gain some private ends,

Went mad and bit the man.



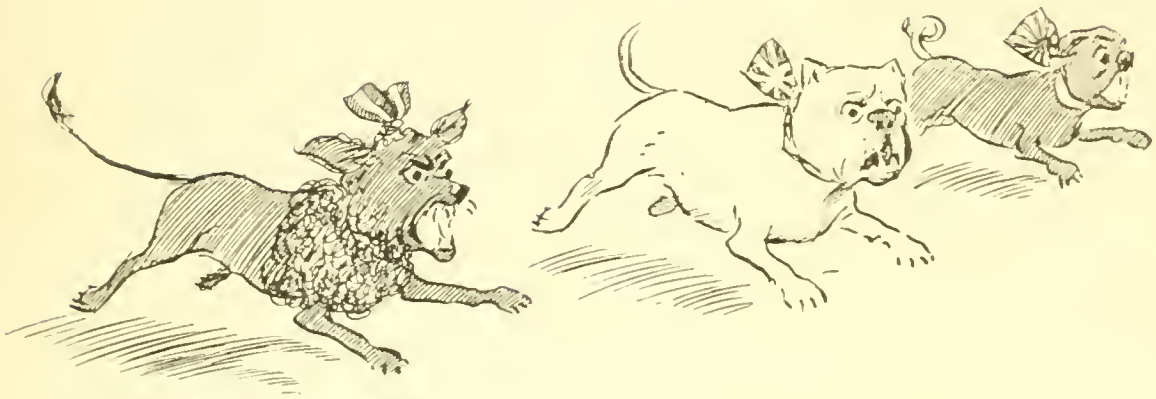


They poured cold water on his schemes,
Till all his reason fled;
The dog, though feeling blue, it seems,
Saw nothing else but red.



Now was he like a thing accursed,
And snapped at all who came:
The women and the children first,
His own peculiar game.

Around from all the neighbouring streets
The angry neighbours ran;
They swore they'd give the mad dog fits,
For biting such a man.



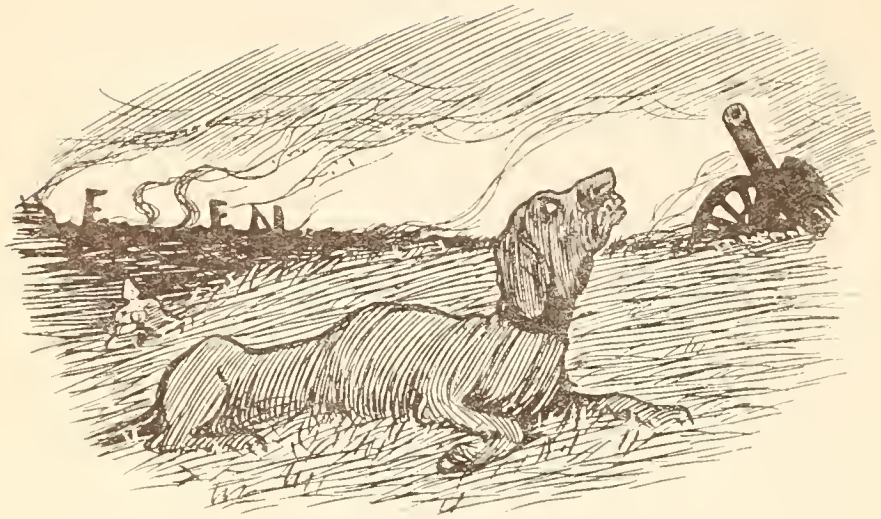
The wound it seem'd both sore and sad
To every christian eye;

And while they swore the dog was mad,

They swore the man would die.

But soon a wonder came to light
That showed the rogues they lied—

The man recover'd of the bite;



The dog it was that died.

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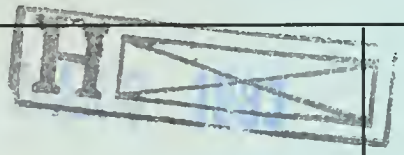

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